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February 18, 1998

Francis A. Rakow
BLM Henry Mountain Resource Area
P.O. Box 99
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Re: Deficient Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Activities, Advanced Mineral Tech., LC, Ursa Major Mine, S/055/017 (UTU-71642), Wayne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Rakow:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice of Intention submitted by Carl Huest of Advanced Mineral Tech. L.C.. The Division received the notice on January 16, 1998, for the proposed small mining project located in NW1/4 NE1/4, Section 23 T28S, R9E, SLBM, Wayne County, Utah. The notice does not satisfy the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, et seq., Utah Code Annotated.

The following information is still required:

R647-3-110 Variance Request

The notice describes the proposed project site as being devoid of vegetation and topsoil and, therefore, no revegetation is proposed as part of reclamation. The notice was filed using the BLM form which does not include a section dealing with variances to the Division's rules. The operator will need to provide additional information to justify variances from the Division's operation and reclamation practices (summary of operation and reclamation practices enclosed) and a documented site inspection by BLM and/or Division staff will need to be performed prior to granting these variances. The additional information could include photographs of the project site to document the lack of vegetation and soil cover.

It is understood that the Division will notify your office of any permitting concerns we may have, and in turn, your office, acting as 'Lead Agency' will notify the operator accordingly. The Division will suspend review and await the additional requested information. Please contact me to coordinate a site inspection with the mine operator.

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Buzz Rakow
S/055/017
February 12, 1998

Please provide us with a copy of your correspondence to the operator. In addition, if you receive additional information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we can update our files. Please reference our designated file number S/055/017 when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony A. Gallegos". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: Summary of SMO Operation & Reclamation Practices
cc: Roger Bon, UGS
Tracking File
S055017.let.